

February 3, 2016

A special meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on February 3, 2016, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 8:00 A.M. with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present included: Danny Turner, Gene Teague, Sharon Brooks Hodge, Jennifer Bowles and Mark Stroud. Staff present included: City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, and Clerk of Council Karen Roberts.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order.

Consider approval of a Joint Resolution with Henry County regarding House Bill 1384/New College Institute – City Manager Towarnicki explained House Bill 1384 which would allow New College Institute to enter into an operations and governance agreement that may include a merger between NCI and other state colleges or universities. He stated that the Henry County Board met February 2, 2016 and adopted the first part of the resolution. Towarnicki stated that Staff recommended that Council adopt the resolution. Teague said the best path to a 4-year university is to approve this resolution, opening up the possibility of a merger and allowing students more variety and opportunities. Bowles said she was definitely in support and it was great to see the City and County in support. She said she looks forward to seeing New College become the vision they had seen originally. Stroud made a motion to approve the resolution with Hodge seconding the motion, all Council Members voted in favor.

Teague made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 A.M., Hodge seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Danny Turner
Mayor